



DIVISION I: BEEF

Superintendent: Matt Katzenberger
Co-Superintendents: Robyn Burbridge & Stan Morrison

Please see Rule # 23 Unethical Practices, under MESA COUNTY 4-H AND FFA LIVESTOCK SHOW AND SALE section.

Note: A record book is required for this project. Market and Breeding animals must have separate record books. Record books must be completed and turned into the Extension Office by September 5 , 5:00 p.m.

There will be a five (5) dollar entry fee for market and breeding projects to be collected at first weigh-in, in January.

1. To be eligible for competition, Market beef must have been the property of the exhibitor and officially tattooed or ear tagged approximately 180 days prior to the fair.
2. Breeding Beef ownership of 60 days prior to the fair. Breeding Beef animals may be leased if a written lease agreement is on file in the extension office at least 60 days prior to the fair. Leased animals must be in the primary care of the 4-H or FFA member during the term of the lease. If the breeding animal is under the direct ownership of the exhibitor, a copy of the bill of sale or the brand inspection needs to be on file with the extension office 60 days prior to fair.
3. Each market exhibitor is allowed to weigh, tag, and enter three market beef and show two market beef. The third tagged market beef may be shown in a prospect class if nominated for the Colorado State Fair at the initial weigh-in. Cattle for the prospect class must be designated at the fair weigh-in.
4. Market beef will be weighed in and set in class assignment according to weight.
5. After all market beef are weighed and sifted, they will be divided into class according to weight as near equal as the superintendent deems feasible. Those not grading for the market class will show in the feeder class, and will not be eligible for the market sale. The class breaks and the approximate number of animals in each class will be left to the discretion of the superintendent.
6. All beef will be mouthed for age. Beef may have permanent teeth (middle incisors) up but not in wear.
7. Beef are to be in the show barn from **9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily**.
8. Brand inspection certificates in all beef must be available at all weigh-ins and turned in at final fair weigh-in, prior to being weighed.
9. All bulls over 12 months shall be shown with a nose lead.

MARKET BEEF

Class 1: FEEDER

OTHER MARKET CLASSES ARE SET AT THE DISCRETION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

Class 2: **4-H and FFA pen of three**

Class 3: **Rate of Gain- Sponsor: Fruita Co-op** (awards to the top ten placing.)
All 4-H and FFA exhibitors with a market beef entered for placing at the Mesa County Fair are automatically entered in competition. Weigh-in for this contest will be conducted with initial weight-in at least 180 days prior to the fair and the final weight upon entry at the fair. Any animal gaining an exorbitant amount of weight will be subject to investigation by the Rules Committee. All beef not gaining at least 2 pounds per day will receive no gain points in the final calculation.

Class 4: **BEST OF MESA COUNTY (Home Grown).**
To be eligible for this class, entries must be born and raised in Mesa County. This class will be formed after the Grand Champion Market selection. The class will be composed of the top TWO placing animals from each market class (excluding the overall Grand and Reserve Grand Champion animals). All discrepancies will be left to the discretion of the superintendent.

BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

Class 1: Novice Showmanship
Class 2: Junior Showmanship
Class 3: Intermediate Showmanship
Class 4: Senior Showmanship
Class 5: Breeding Beef Showmanship
Class 6: Parent Showmanship

**** ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP IS LIMITED TO MARKET BEEF ANIMALS ONLY!****

BREEDING BEEF SHOW

BREEDING BEEF CLASSES (with the exception of Catch-A-Heifer) WILL BE SET AT THE DISCRETION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT ACCORDING TO ENTRIES AT FAIR.

Class 1: Catch-A-Heifer—Heifer
Class 2: Catch-A-Heifer—Cow/Calf

PREMIER BREEDING BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

SPECIAL RULES:

Eligibility: Any member enrolled in 4-H or FFA that is enrolled in breeding beef is eligible for participation in the Premier Breeding Beef Showmanship. At the point that the exhibitor fails to complete any of the categories listed below, they will be ineligible for further completion of the project for that year. ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A 4-H GENERAL LIVESTOCK RECORD BOOK; NO FFA RECORD BOOKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

1. There will be no daytime stalls for cow/calf pairs. Participants will tie pairs in designated areas no later than 9:00 am and not return them to their stalls until 7:00 pm. EXHIBITORS will need to let their calf nurse every 2 to 3 hours during the day. There will be a panel of selected judges watching to see that proper care is given to your animals.
2. The breeding beef participants will have a separate showmanship class which they must participate in.
3. All Premier Breeding Beef participants will have an oral interview, testing their knowledge of the project. This will be held in conjunction with achievement night interviews in October.
4. **POINTS WILL BE AWARDED BASED ON:** The participant's care of their animal(s) at fair as well as their willingness to help others. **(100 points possible)**. Class placing in the breeding **SHOWMANSHIP (100 points possible)**. The record books count for **100 points possible**. The oral interviews count for **100 points possible**. A total of **400 points are possible**. All four categories must be completed and the total points from all areas will determine the winners.

NOTE: Prizes for the Premier Breeding Beef program will be awarded to the Grand Champion and the Reserve Grand Champion.

DAIRY CATTLE

SPECIAL RULES:

1. Females may be pure bred or high grade.
2. No **DAIRY** bull over one year will be shown. Dairy bulls under one year will be dehorned and shown with a nose ring.
3. Proof of ownership 60 days prior to fair.

-DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP-

ALL DAIRY CLASSES WILL BE SET AT THE DISCRETION OF THE SUPERINTEDENT BASED ON ENTRIES AT FAIR.

BUCKET CALF SHOW (OPEN SHOW)

Superintendent: Robyn Burbridge & Kathy Johnston

SPECIAL RULES:

The Bucket Calf Program will be an OPEN SHOW. The animals will arrive Friday between 12-1 P.M. This class will show immediately before the Grand Champion selection and must check-out after the show.

- 1) Any youth 5-10 years old as of July 25, 2008 and has not shown a 4-H or FFA Beef project is eligible to enter.
- 2) Exhibitors must sign up by May 1, 2008 on the Bucket Calf Entry Form at the Mesa County Extension Office.
- 3) The animal must be in possession of the exhibitors 60 days prior to fair. The animal will be tagged with an official Mesa County ear tag.
- 4) The animal must be born after January 1, 2008.
- 5) Any breed of cattle as well as either sex is eligible for show.
- 6) Only one animal may be shown per exhibitor. Likewise only one exhibitor per animal.
- 7) The calf must have been or currently fed by bucket or bottle.
- 8) The calf must be halter broke.
- 9) The Bucket Calf Class will be judged on showmanship only.
- 10) All dress code rules listed in the General Rule section will apply.

CATCH-A-HEIFER CONTEST

Sponsored by Mesa County Cattlemen's Association

Superintendent: Allen and Verla Rossi

ELIGIBILITY:

1. The program is open to members of the Mesa County 4-H and FFA organizations who have attained the age of 11 as of January 1st., and who have not reached the age of 16 by January 1st., of the year the application is made.
2. It is further limited to those 4-H members who have exhibited livestock (horse, beef, dairy, sheep, swine or goats) for at least two years including the year of application. Contestants must also comply with 4-H and FFA General Rules.
3. The member and/or parent or guardian must demonstrate to the committee's satisfaction that they have the facilities necessary to properly house, pasture, feed and maintain a beef breeding heifer and future offspring. Failure to do so may result in elimination from the contest or transfer of the subject heifer to an alternate member.

4. Members who were successful in previous contests are ineligible for all future contests unless the Superintendents determine otherwise.
5. To participate in the heifer scramble, member must be on hand, with rope halters, at the time and place designated for the contest.
6. Each member must catch his/her own calf. Adult assistance will not be allowed and will result in disqualification.
7. A drawing will be held immediately following the contest for all members not catching a calf. This drawing will determine the order of alternates who will be selected to come into the program for the current year.
8. To be eligible to participate in following years, all alternates will be required to re-apply through the normal application process.
9. Participants must complete a letter of application.

GENERAL RULES:

1. Five new members will be brought into the program each year. The committee reserves the right to adjust the members due to unusual circumstances.
2. In case of unusual circumstances, members may buy out of the program prior to the two year requirement with approval of the committee.
3. Each winning member in the yearly contest will receive a heifer calf.
4. The heifer and sponsor to be assigned to the member will be selected by gate draw.
5. Heifers will not be limited to any particular breed. Heifers are acceptable if they meet the approval of the committee.
6. At the time of change of ownership a bill of sale bill or inspection will be issued in joint ownership of the member and the Mesa County Catch-A-Heifer committee.
7. The above bill of sale/brand inspection will be filed with the committee until such time as the member has satisfactorily completed the requirements.
8. Basic requirements for completion of the program include, but are not limited to:
 - a) Heifers must be shown the first year in beef breeding then shown as a cow/calf pair the second year.
 - b) Records must be kept in the two years participation.
 - c) Monthly letters must be written to the sponsor of the heifer with copies being sent to the committee and the producer. If more than 3 letters are missed the participant will be dropped from the program.
9. Ownership will be awarded to graduating members at the parade of Champions. All members must be dressed according to Show Dress Code.
10. Heifers and cow/calf pairs must be exhibited during the same time frame as breeding and market beef.